5. *Employment Concessions*:

Upto two dependents of defence service personnel killed/disabled in action including war widows, are entitled to priority-II(a) (disabled over 50 per cent disability and unfit for employment, but disability attributable to military service) for purpose of employment under Central Govt., against Group 'C' and 'D' posts.

6. *Oil Products Agencies*:

War disabled also have priority in alloitment of oil products agencies, in the reserved quota.

7. *Travel Concessions*:

War disabled ex-servicemen are entitled to travel by Air at 50 per cent concessions.

8. *Canteen Facilities*:

War time disabled and peace time disabled are entitled to canteen facilities, wherever canteens have been set up.

9. *Financial Assistance*:

In certain specified circumstances grants from War Bereaved and Disabled Servicemen Special Relief Fund are given to the war widows, war disabled and their dependents for education, training, rehabilitation, medical treatment and purchase/construction/repair of houses and subsidy for payment of interest on loans taken from banks etc.

चुनाव सुधारों के लिए निर्वाचन आयोग की सिफारिशें

2047. **श्री रशीद मसूद : क्या विधि और न्याय** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि निर्वाचन आयोग ने हाल ही में सरकार से यह सिफारिश की है कि यथाशीघ्र चुनाव सुधार किये जायें ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या निर्वाचन आयोग ने सरकार से तत्काल कुछ सुधारात्मक कदम उठाने का अनुरोध किया है, और यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और उन्हें क्रियान्वित करने में सरकार को पेश आ रही समस्याओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार निर्वाचन आयोग की सिफारिशें लागू करने का विचार रखती है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) से (ग) निर्वाचन आयोग इस बात पर निरन्तर जोर देता रहा है कि हमारी निर्वाचन विधि में सुधार की गुंजाइश है। हाल ही में निर्वाचन आयोग ने दुहराया है कि इलैक्ट्रानिक मतदान प्रणाली, निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों का परिसीमन, मतदाताओं के लिए बहु उद्देशीय पहचान-पत्र जारी करने आदि जैसे कुछ प्रस्तावों पर पूर्विकता के आधार पर विचार किया जाना चाहिए। वास्तव में ये प्रस्ताव निर्वाचन सुधारों के भाग रूप हैं।

इन प्रस्तावों को कार्यान्वित करने में वस्तुतः कोई कठिनाई नहीं है। तथापि कुछ प्रस्तावों के संबंध में संवैधानिक संशोधन या लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 आदि जैसे अन्य अधिनियमों में संशोधन करने के लिए कार्यवाही करनी होगी। इन प्रस्तावों पर कोई अंतिम विनिश्चय नहीं किया गया है। प्रस्तावों की प्रकृति को ध्यान में रखते हुए जल्दबाजी में कोई विनिश्चय करना न तो संभव है और न वांछनीय है।

Pakistan's policy of non-interference into internatioal Affairs of othe countries.

2048. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the statement made by President

Zia-ul-Haq on or about April 20, 1988, claiming and commitment of non-interference in internal affairs of all countries especially its neighbours; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto, especially in view of the active aid assistance and connivance of the Pak Government with ultras and terrorists in Punjab and elsewhere in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government have seen press reports to this effect.

(b) Though Pakistan's leaders repeatedly porclaim their commitment to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries, Pakistan's involvement with extremist activities directed against India continues.

2049. [*Transferred to the 10th May, 1988*].

Killing of Asian Boy by white fellow pupil in Monchester, U.K.

2050. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the inquiry report into the killing of 13 years old Asian school boy by white fellow pupil at Burnage High School, Monchester in United Kingdom in September 1986 exposing the tall claim of racial equalities in Britain, if so, Government's reaction thereto and the steps taken in this regard; and

(b) whether the issue has been taken up with UK Government, if so, what is the response thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The school boy who was murdered in September 1986 was not an Indian national; but a U.K. national of Pakistani origin.

Amendments to the electoral reforms

2051. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made up their mind regarding amendments to the electoral law; and

(b) if so, by when these amendments are proposed to be initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) It is not possible at this stage to indicate this in a precise manner.

Vacant Posts

2052. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Planning from 1984-85 till 1987-88;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in filling up of these posts;

(c) by when these posts are proposed to be filled up; and

(d) the details of remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) Vacancies continue to arise and get filled up from time to time. However, there were 40 posts—39 in the Department of Statistics and one in the Planning Commission, which have remained vacant throughout the period from 1984-85 to 1987-88.